GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SALINITY OF LAND
Patil Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the salinity of the soil because of entry of sea water into fertile land of South India;

(b) if so, the measures that have been taken to improve the soil condition to Tsumani affected fields in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps taken to help the agriculturists so affected?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Based on the soil tests done by the State Government of Tamil Nadu to assess the status of soil salinity and soil health, measures like leaching of salts, scraping of sand and slit, application of gypsum, green manuring, use of salinity tolerant crops, etc. have been taken to improve the soil condition of the Tsumani affected fields.

Gypsum, seeds of green manure crops, seeds of salinity tolerant crops have been distributed by the State Government to the farmers in affected areas and farmers have been trained in land reclamation technology, integrated nutrient management, integrated pest management and water management.